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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice to its consideration in a continuing application.

Please add new defendant claims 12-24.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A flexible, reclosable container comprising:

a pair of sidewalls forming a mouth having first and second sides, said mouth having first and second ends, each of said first and second sides of said mouth having a top edge;
a first interlockable profile attached proximate the top edge of a first side of said mouth, said first profile having a first end and a second end, the first end of said first profile being attached proximate the first end of said mouth;

a second interlockable profile attached proximate the top edge of a second side of said mouth, said second profile having a first end and a second end, the first end of said second profile being attached proximate the first end of said mouth, said first profile and said second profile being adapted and configured to releasably interlock with each other;

a slider slidably coupled to said first profile and said second profile such that sliding said slider in a first direction toward the first end of said mouth interlocks said first profile to said second profile, and sliding said slider in a second direction toward the second end of said mouth unlocks said first profile from said second profile;

wherein the first end of said first profile is not attached to the first end of said second profile, and the second end of said first profile is attached to the second end of said second profile by an end stop for limiting movement of said slider; [and one of the first end of said

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~~first profile or the first end of said second profile includes an end stop for limiting the movement of said slider in the first direction.]~~

a gusset joining said first side of said mouth to said second side of said mouth at the first end; and

a peelable seal extending across at least a portion of the top of said gusset.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1 wherein ~~said [pair of sidewalls]~~
gusset can be unfolded to form an extendable spout at the first end of said mouth.

4. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1 wherein ~~[the second end of said first profile is attached to the second end of said second profile, and]~~ at least one of the second end of said first profile or the second end of said second profile includes an end stop for limiting the movement of said slider in the second direction.

5. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1 wherein ~~[both]~~ only one of the first end of said first profile ~~[and]~~ or the first end of said second profile include an end stop for limiting the movement of said slider in the first direction.

6. (Currently Amended) A container comprising:

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non-rigid sheet material formed to have a mouth having first and second sides, said mouth having first and second ends, each of said first and second sides of said mouth having a top edge; [-]

a first fastener strip attached to said sheet material at the top edge of the first side of said mouth, said first strip having a first end and a second end with the first end of the first strip attached at the first end of said mouth; [-]

a second fastener strip attached to said sheet material at the second side of said mouth, said second strip having a first end and a second end with the first end of the second strip attached to the first end of said mouth, said first strip and said second strip being capable of releasable connection to each other; [-]

a slider received on said strips and movable in a first direction toward the first end of the mouth to connect the first strip to the second strip and movable in a second direction toward the second end of the mouth to disconnect the first strip from the second strip; [-]

wherein the first end of the first strip is not attached to the first end of the second strip, and the second end of said first strip is attached to the second end of said second strip by an end stop, said sheet material forming a gusset at the first end of the mouth; and
a peelable seal extending across at least a portion of said sheet material along said mouth.

7. (Original) The container of claim 6 additionally comprising an end stop mounted on said first strip at the first end of the first strip for limiting movement of the slider in the first direction.

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8. (Original) The container of claim 6 additionally comprising a first end stop and a second end stop, said first end stop being mounted on said first strip at the first end of the first strip for limiting movement of the slider in the first direction, said second end stop being mounted on said second strip at the first end of said second strip for limiting movement of the slider in the first direction.

9. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 6 wherein said slider is moveable in the first direction off of said strips without damaging said strips.

10. (Currently Amended) A flexible reclosable container comprising :
a pair of opposing side walls having a substantially flat bottom [upon which the
~~container can stand upright]~~, said container having [a-side] an end in which there is formed a
[foldable] folded gusset [:-], the gusset having a top edge, said container having a mouth
opposite of the bottom [:-] :

a pair of interlockable fastener strips mounted on the mouth of said container , [:-] said
strips being joined together at one end other than by interlocking of said strips, and
[separable] not being joined together at the other end [:-] each said fastener strip having a
profile element interlockable with the profile element of the other said strip;
said gusset being unfoldable to an exterior position when the strips are separated at said
other end to form a spout for pouring contents from the interior of said container, the top edge
of the folded gusset being lower than either of said profile elements.

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11. (Original) The container of claim 10 additionally comprising a slider received on and slidable along said fastener strips for connecting and separating said fastener strips for opening and closing said mouth.

12. (New) The container of claim 11 which further comprises a peelable seal extending across at least a portion of said mouth.

13. (New) The container of claim 10 which further comprises a peelable seal extending across at least a portion of said mouth.

14. (New) The container of claim 10 wherein said gusset includes a peelable seal extending across at least a portion of the mouth of said gusset.

15. (New) The container of claim 10 wherein each of said opposing sidewalls of said mouth have a top edge, and each of said fastener strips is attached proximate to the top edge of a corresponding one of said fastener strips.

16. (New) The container of claim 10 wherein each of said fastener strips are mounted along substantially all of their length to a corresponding one of said opposing sidewalls.

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17. (New) The container of claim 1 wherein said gusset is extendable as an outward spout.

18. (New) The container of claim 1 wherein said gusset has a top edge which is lower than either of said profiles.

19. (New) The container of claim 1 wherein the container has a bottom which is adapted and configured for supporting the bag in a standing position.

20. (New) The container of claim 1 wherein the first interlockable profile is attached along substantially all of its length to the first side of said mouth, and the second interlockable profile is attached along substantially all of its length to the second side of said mouth.

21. (New) The container of claim 6 wherein said gusset is extendable as a spout, and which further comprises a peelable seal extending along at least a portion of the interior of the spout.

22. (New) The container of claim 6 wherein said slider is movable along a path and the gusset has a top edge which is lower than the path.

23. (New) The container of claim 6 wherein said sheet material is formed with a generally flat bottom opposite of said mouth.

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24. (New) The container of claim 6 wherein said first fastener strip is attached along substantially all of its length to the first side of said mouth, and wherein said second fastener strip is attached along substantially all of its length to the second side of said mouth.

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